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SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Will the Government kindly arrange to collect statistics so that they may make out a case to the Government of India for the rehabilitation scheme? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I do not know whether it will be possible. Anyhow, I shall look into it."

Accidents on the Vandalur-Padappai Road.

* 54 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of accidents have been taking place on the Vandalur-Padappai road, on the banks of the Vandalur lake about 22 miles from Madras;

(b) whether it is a fact that accidents have been taking place on account of the narrowness of the path on the banks of the Vandalur lake through which the buses and other conveyances pass; and

(c) whether the Government propose to direct the widening of the path and the fixing of railings on both sides of the banks of the said lake?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (a) The District Magistrate, Chingleput, reported in April 1947 that there have been no accidents on the banks of Vandalur lake in 1945, 1946 and in 1947 up to the date of his report made in April 1947.

" (b) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (a).

" (c) There are no proposals for widening the path and for fixing railings on both sides of the road either in the post-war road programme or outside it. The Chief Engineer has however issued instructions to the officers concerned to examine the necessity for such a work and have asked them to include it in the post-war road programme if there is a case for it."

Rules governing travelling allowance of Hon. Speaker and Hon. President.

* 55 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) what the rules governing travelling allowances of the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. President are;

(b) whether in the discharge of their public duties they were entitled to tour and draw travelling allowances as in the case of the Hon. Ministers;

(c) whether any changes have been introduced virtually barring the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. President from undertaking any tours; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House copies of Government Orders relating to the travelling allowances of the Hon. Speaker and the Hon. President?